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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1137

INFO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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YAOUNDE FOR REDSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, TP

SUBJ: SAO TOME: NEXT STEPS

REF: LIBREVILLE 1320

1. DEPARTMENT AND AID ARE AWARE OF, AND I HOPE SHARE, MY INTEREST IN CONTINUING SMALL BILATERAL AID PROGRAM FOR SAO TOME AND PRINCIPLE FOLLOWING ON THAT SIGNED AT END OF FY-1977. I BELIEVE MODEST PROGRAM TO BE IN LINE WITH OVERALL USG POLICY OF HELPING POOREST NATIONS DEVELOP CAPACITY TO DELIVER BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND WOULD BE IN OUR BEST INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING THE RATHER THIN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND STP. TO THIS END WE HAVE PROJECTED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR STP IN FY 1980. ASSUMING THIS AMOUNT INCLUDED IN BUDGET, WE BELIEVE IT TIME NOW TO BEGIN TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT.

2. ONE THING EVIDENT TO ME DURING MY LATE MAY VISIT

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PRESENT CREDENTIALS WAS THAT GSTP IS PRAGMATIC, INTERESTED IN BASIC DEVELOPMENT AFTER FOUR CENTURES OF PLANTATION AGRICULTURE, BUT LACKING IN SUFFICIENT TRAINED CADRE TO PLAN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT. IF WE ARE TO HELP, THEREFORE, IT WILL PROBABLY BE UP TO US TO TAKE LEAD IN TRANSLATING SWEEPING CONCEPTS INTO SOMETHING MORE MANAGEBLE. SINCE

EMBASSY IS NOT MUCH BETTER OFF FOR TECHNICAL  
EXPERTISE THAN GSTP, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD  
DRAW ON AID EXPERTISE NOW, BEFORE MY ANTICIPATED NEXT  
VISIT STP JULY 12 FOR INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, SO  
THAT WE WOULD BE IN POSOTION TAKE BETTER LOOK AT  
IDEAS SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED REFTEL WHICH WERE  
THROWN OUT DURING MY LAST VISIT. ALTHOUGH REDSO  
YAOUNDE HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR STP ASSISTANCE PRORGAM WHICH IS HANDLED PRIMARILY  
THROUGH AID/ARA PORTUGUESE AFRICAN OFFICE VIA THIS  
EMBASSY, IT IS CLOSEST POOL OF AID EXPERTISE TO DRAW  
UPON. REDSO YAOUNDE ALSO IS RESPONSIBLE AT LEAST  
IN THEORY FOR GABON. FORMER REDSO DIRECTOR KOEHRING  
AND I HAD DISCUSSED IN MARCH AN EARLY VISIT LIBREVILLE  
BY HIM. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS SINCE DEPARTED  
YAOUNDE I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ACTING DIRECTOR GILBERT  
VISIT US WITHIN NEXT MONTH AT HIS CONVENIENCE TO DIS-  
CUSS IN GENERAL IDEAS FOR STP FY 1980 PROGRAM. WE  
CAN ALSO USEFULLY SPEND GOOD PART OF ONE DAY  
DISCUSSING GABONESE MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.TIENKEN

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